

## SENATE RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

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## SENATE RESOLUTION

MADAM PRESIDENT:

I offer the following resolution and move its adoption:

A SENATE RESOLUTION congratulating the Notre Dame women's basketball team on an exceptional 2010-2011 season.

*Whereas, Under the leadership of Coach Muffet McGraw, the Notre Dame Fighting Irish women's basketball team concluded an exceptional 2010-2011 basketball season playing in the NCAA national championship title game;*

*Whereas, Notre Dame finished a phenomenal season with 13 wins in the Big East Conference and an overall record of 31 wins and 8 losses;*

*Whereas, in their 18<sup>th</sup> appearance in the NCAA Tournament, Notre Dame earned a trip to the "Sweet Sixteen" by defeating Utah 67-54 in the First Round and Temple 77-64 in the Second Round;*

*Whereas, by earning victories in the first two rounds, Notre Dame played its way into its 9<sup>th</sup> "Sweet Sixteen" under Coach McGraw and its second appearance in two years. In a masterful performance, Notre Dame's stifling defense held*



*Oklahoma to just 17 first half points and forced 24 Oklahoma turnovers, leading the Irish to a 78-53 victory;*

*Whereas, in the “Elite Eight” round, Notre Dame faced the favored No. 1 seed Tennessee Volunteers. Having lost their previous 20 games to Tennessee, the Irish played with confidence and determination, cruising to an impressive 73-59 victory, giving the Irish their biggest win in a regional final and sending Notre Dame to its 3<sup>rd</sup> Final Four;*

*Whereas, in the Final Four, Notre Dame faced the two-time defending champion Connecticut Huskies. On a night that Notre Dame made 52% of their field goal attempts against the vaunted Connecticut defense, sophomore guard Skylar Diggins led the team’s dynamic offensive performance with 28 points and 6 assists, helping the Irish knock off the Overall No. 1 seed Connecticut Huskies by a score of 72-63;*

*Whereas, with a victory over Connecticut, Notre Dame earned a chance to play for their second NCAA championship title and became the first team to defeat Tennessee and Connecticut in the same tournament;*

*Whereas, Notre Dame played Texas A&M in the NCAA championship game. In the well-fought contest that came down the final minute, the Irish were dealt their only loss of the tournament; and*

*Whereas, following the rich tradition of basketball in the state of Indiana, Notre Dame’s historic season has reestablished the Irish as one of college basketball’s best teams and will long be remembered as an incredible accomplishment: Therefore,*



*Be it resolved by the Senate of the  
General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1           SECTION 1. The Indiana Senate congratulates the Notre
- 2 Dame Fighting Irish on their exceptional season.
- 3           SECTION 2. The Secretary of the Senate is hereby directed
- 4 to transmit a copy of this Resolution to Notre Dame President
- 5 Reverend John Jenkins, Director of Athletics Jack Swarbrick, and
- 6 Coach Muffet McGraw.

